

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10 and 12 have been amended herein.

I. FORMAL MATTERS

Applicant notes that the Office Action does not acknowledge the claim to priority and does not indicate that the priority documents filed on October 3, 2003 have been received. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to do so.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Office Action indicates that the formal drawings submitted on August 26 and October 23, 2003 are acceptable.

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement on April 28, 2006, after the mailing date of the present office action. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to send the undersigned a copy of the PTO/SB/08 Form submitted in this IDS with each reference initialed by the Examiner in due course.

The Office Action indicates that the title is not descriptive. Applicant submits that the new title presented herein is sufficiently descriptive.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. This rejection is believed to be overcome by the amendments to claims 1, 10 and 12 presented above.

III. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claims 1-8, 10-16, 18 and 20 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 2-5, 7-13, of copending Application No. 10/649,578.

Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer signed by the attorney of record. Thus, Applicant submits that this rejection is overcome.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 59798 (47793). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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